## CONTRA COSTA COUNTY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COMMISSION



February 1, 2017

## **MEMO**

To: Internal Operations Committee

From: Michael Kent, Executive Assistant to the Hazardous Materials Commission

Re: Appointment Recommendation to the Hazardous Materials Commission

The Hazardous Materials Commission was established in 1986 to advise the Board, County Staff and the mayor's council members, and staffs of the cities within the County, on issues related to the development, approval and administration of the County Hazardous Waste Management Plan. Specifically, the Board charged the Commission with drafting a Hazardous Materials Storage and Transportation Plan and Ordinance, coordinating the implementation of the Hazardous Materials Release Response Plan and inventory program, and to analyze and develop recommendations regarding hazards materials issues with consideration to broad public input, and report back to the Board on Board referrals.

Environmental Seat #3 expired on December 31, 2016. The bylaws of the Commission provide that Environmental Seat #3 be nominated by an environmental organization, but that no particular environmental organization will have an exclusive right to nominate an individual to this seat, and therefore which environmental organization is represented on the Hazardous Materials Commission rests with the Internal Operations Committee and ultimately the Board of Supervisors. The Hazardous Materials Commission advertised for this open seat, interviewed one candidate, and recommends that Steve Linsley be re-appointed to this seat. Mr. Linsely is a resident of El Cerrito. His application and letter of support, and the postings for the vacant seat are attached. This term will expire on December 31, 2020.

The League of Women Voters seat and alternate expired on December 31, 2016. The bylaws of the Commission provide that the League of Women Voters nominate representatives for these seats to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The League of Women Voters nominated Leslie Stewart to be re-appointed to this seat and nominated Rita Xavier to be the alternate for this seat. Ms. Stewart is a resident of Concord and Ms. Xavier is a resident of San Pablo. The applications and letters of support for Ms. Stewart and Ms. Xavier are attached. These terms will expire on December 31, 2020.

Business Seat #3 expired on December 31, 2016. The bylaws of the Commission provide that the Contra Costa Taxpayers Association nominate a representative for this seat to be screened by the Internal Operations Committee and appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The Contra Costa Taxpayers Association nominated Don Bristol to be re-appointed to this seat. Mr. Bristol works at the Phillips 66 oil refinery in Rodeo. The application and letter of support for Mr. Bristol are attached. This term will expire on December 31, 2020.